PUBLIC NOTICE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AN AIR PERMIT APPLICATION

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality hereby gives notice that the following facility has applied for a permit to construct and operate a fired-refined copper facility using secondary metals as a raw material to cast into anodes at the following location.

AMES Copper Group - Shelby 135 Old Boiling Springs Road Shelby, NC 28152 Cleveland County

This facility's application for the proposed facility was reviewed by the DAQ to determine compliance with the requirements of the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission air pollution regulations. This notice serves as a notice of opportunity for public comment for this proposal. The public comment period begins on November 2, 2020 and run through December 2, 2020.

A copy of all data and the application submitted by AMES Copper Group - Shelby and other material used by the DAQ in making this preliminary determination are available for public inspection on the NCDEQ/DAQ website or during normal business hours at the following locations:

NC DEQ Division of Air Quality or Air Permits Section 217 West Jones Street, Suite 4000 Raleigh, NC 27603

Mooresville Regional Office 610 East Center Avenue, Suite 301 Mooresville, NC 28115

Information on the permit application and the staff review are available by writing or calling.

Richard Simpson 1641 Mail Service Center N.C. Division of Air Quality Raleigh, NC 27699-1641 919-707-8476

Interested persons are invited to review these materials and make comments to the address indicated above. Comments must be postmarked no later than December 2, 2020. Written comments may also be submitted during the public comment period via email at the following address:

daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov Please type "AMES.20A" in the subject line.

After weighing relevant comments received and other available information on the project, the DAQ will act on the AMES Copper Group - Shelby application.

William D. Willets, P.E. Chief, Permitting Section, NCDEQ